June13, 2002 Recessed Budget Workshop

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: 4 Thomas Y. Wooten - Chairman Lloyd Davis - Vice-Chairman Josh Baity - Commissioner Brent Hunter - Commissioner MEMBERS ABSENT: 1 Johnny Myers-Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cecil E. Wood, County Manager/Clerk to the Board

Chairman Wooten reconvened the budget work session to order.

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Mr. Larry Adams, Services & Development Director, met with the Board to present funding needs for his departments. Ms. Jeannie Dobson was present with Mr. Adams to discuss in detail the 911 addressing program. With the restructuring of the 911 program, Ms. Dobson will report and be located in Mr. Adams' department. There is an additional arc-info license request included on the budget to allow Ms. Dobson more access to the program. It was also pointed out that since Ms. Dobson has started working in the 911 addressing area, phone number and address matches have increased from 50% to over 85%. A need was also expressed to purchase additional computer equipment to aid in the addressing process.

Mr. Adams and Ms. Cheri Cranfill discussed with the Board our Solid Waste program. The Board was interested in revenues and expenses associated with the landfill and recycling operation. These programs still requires funding support from the general fund. Mr. Adams and the Board discussed different options available for the collection of garbage. The Board looked at increasing fees for garbage disposal and the Board reviewed a plan for curbside collection.

Sheriff Cain, Major Swaim and Captain Widener appeared before the Board to discuss their budget.

The Board asked questions concerning the cars in the department, federal forfeiture funds for the department and the staffing of his department.

The Sheriff explained how changes in procedures and laws require him to operate differently and to give different consideration to his legal responsibilities. The additional cars he has are the result of old cars that have been kept for spare parts. He does not anticipate increasing the number of vehicles in his fleet.

Mike Sawyer, Director of the Northwest Regional Libraries, several librarians and staff appeared before the Board on behalf of the libraries in the county. Mr. Sawyer stated he was concerned about the loss of state revenues through budget cuts and concerned about losing additional maintenance of effort dollars because other counties in the system were not maintaining their funding levels. This could effect the regional office by as much as \$80,000 to \$90,000. Mr. Sawyer and staff thanked the Board for their efforts on behalf of the regional library system.

The Board discussed various items in the budget and recessed the meeting until June 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Cecil E. Wood, Clerk to the Board/ County Manager